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**T**O our old friends we send greetings and to those whom we hope to make our friends, this is probably the first time you have received our catalogue, and possibly the first time you have ever heard of the Duke Floral Gardens, but we have been right here on the job for several years, amateur growers for twenty-five years. We believe this experience fits us to give you satisfactory service. We would appreciate the opportunity of trying anyway. Our motto has been an honest dollar's worth of goods for every dollar sent us. We are all human and make mistakes, but when one is made in filling your order, write us and we always endeavor to adjust them to the best of our ability. No matter how large or small your order is, it receives the same careful attention. We are here to stay and our best efforts will be to make of you a satisfied customer. If for any reason we cannot fill your order, your money will be returned. We fill orders as given us, and no plants or items are substituted without your consent.

The roses we offer are strictly field grown and on own roots, and of such varieties as are best suited to this section of South for garden

culture. They are full of vitality and free from disease. Our roses are grown from cuttings in open ground, without water and without protection of any kind. They are sturdy, vigorous and disease resistant. We offer only one year roses, but please don't confuse them with those tender hot house plants, sent out by florists and nurserymen. These plants are from one to four feet high, well branched with vigorous root system. A trial order will convince you that we send out only high grade stock, the kind that grow and bloom, making for us satisfied enthusiastic customers and friends.

Price of all roses, if delivered at nursery, \$5.00 per dozen. Less than one dozen strictly 50c each. If sent by parcel post, add 50c per dozen. For one-half dozen or less add 25c for packing and postage.

Our terms are cash with order. Those who furnish satisfactory bank references can buy on thirty days time.

## **CULTIVATION OF ROSES**

As to roses we advocate fall and winter planting waiting until plants are dormant. The soil for roses can



not be made too rich, by broad casting stable manure in fall land spading in to depth of 6 to 10 inches. They should be planted in sunny location, giving distance of 3 to 4 feet. Roses should be pruned during latter part of December or during January and then, only to extent of removing dead and exhausted branches. It is safe plan to remove about one-third of present year's growth making your bushes shapely. Some varieties require very little or no pruning at all, while those of straggling habit of growth have to be pruned more severely. After pruning roses give them thorough spraying using powdered Lime Sulphur, Scalicide or Sunico Oil. This will control scale.

During spring and summer if troubled with thrips, green lice or any of those soft bodied sucking insects spray them with Black Leaf 40. Roses are subject to a fungus causing black spots to appear on foliage, use  $2\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of blue stone dissolved in one quart of water,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of lime dissolved in one quart of water, add these mixtures to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gallons of water, strain through cheese cloth, spray every three weeks until trouble disappears. This is safe to use and if applied too heavily would only discolor the foliage a little.

## BUSH ROSES

White American Beauty (Frau Karl Druschki) large magnificent snow white flowers, strong vigorous growers, producing long stiff stems, very hardy.

HIS MAJESTY—The handsomest of all red roses; large intensely crimson blooms, very double.

PINK RADIANCE—Radiantly beautiful, an exquisite blending of two shades of pink.

PAUL NEYRON—Largest rose grown, color, dark pink, very double and handsome.

PINK MAMAN COCHET—Very hardy rose, flowers large double bright pink.

WHITE MAMAN COCHET—No finer rose than this, color, white, rounded and very double, vigorous growth, large graceful buds.

COLUMBIA—Color deep peach pink, handsome buds, very double.

ECARLATE—One of the best for out-door planting, strong, sturdy, growing and profuse bloomer, dark pink double.

PINK KILLARNEY—Bush strong and upright, is entirely free blooming, bearing immense long pointed buds,

single when full blown, color exquisite shade of pink.

LADY HILLINGDON—Apricot yellow shaded to orange, beautiful slender buds, free bloomer but weak grower.

DUCHESS OF ALBANY—Free blooming pink rose, slight touch of yellow at center.

GEN. JACQUEMINOT—An old favorite, bright, shining crimson, rich and velvety, blooms freely in spring, occasionally during season.

JONKHEER J. L. MOCK—Two-tone rose, inner petal light pink, under side darker, blooms with great freedom, buds carried on long stiff stems.

ETOILE DE FRANCE—Rich glowing crimson, free bloomer, very choice.

CAPTAIN CHRISTY—Hybrid perpetual, large delicate pink.

KAISERINE—Large creamy white, too well known for description.

MAD FRANCISKA KRUGER—Coppery yellow, especially beautiful in the fall.

GENERAL McARTHUR — Color, brilliant scarlet, well-formed flowers of exquisite fragrance.

HELEN GOULD—Bright watermelon red, free grower and bloomer.

RED LETTER DAY—Velvety scarlet crimson, long slender buds, single

showing yellow stamens when full bloom.

**RICHMOND**—Color, bright red, extremely hardy, wonderfully free blooming, an all round satisfactory rose.

**MADAME CAROLINE TESTOUT**—Clear bright satiny pink, flowers large and beautiful.

**METEOR**—Old fashioned, velvety red, large clusters, small individual blossoms.

**EUGENE MARLETT**—Exceptionally healthy and free blooming, flowers very double, bright carmine.

**ROSE MARY**—A very large clear silvery pink, large bushes.

**DEVONIENSIS** — Magnolia fragrance, medium size bloom, color, delicate blush, bush attains immense size.

**UNKNOWN RED**—The old fashioned rose that grew in our Grandmother's gardens, immense bushes covered at all seasons with small velvety red blossoms.

### **CLIMBING ROSES**

**SOLFATERRE**—The strongest most vigorous of climbers, double, color, clear sulphur yellow, finest of all yellow climbers.

**MARIE GUILLOT**—Color creamy white tinged pale yellow, very double hardy free bloomer.

CLIMBING MALMAISON — Same as bush of same name except in growth, delicate satiny pink.

OLD FASHIONED MONTHLY PINK CLIMBER—Will cover any trellis or pergola, and covered with small blossoms.

PAUL'S SCARLET CLIMBER—Vivid scarlet, shaded crimson, makes a brilliant display in the spring—a wonderful new climbing rose.

CLIMBING WOOTTON—A vigorous climber, bearing a profusion of dark velvety red blooms constantly.

AMERICAN PILLAR—A climber of extremely vigorous habit of growth producing large trusses of bright pink blossoms.

SILVER MOON— Large white blossoms, several inches in diameter, showing yellow stamens, very beautiful, blooms only in the spring but foliage remains green and attractive during summer.

LAMARQUE—Sturdy and vigorous climber, profuse bloomer, creamy white.

## **DECIDIOUS SHRUBBERY**

DEUTZIAS—Single white, extra heavy plants 75 cents each.

RED SIBERIAN DOGWOOD —

Bushy shrub growing 2-3 ft. high, small creamy white flowers followed by bluish white berries, stems are attractive in winter being a reddish color, works well into group planting. Large plants 50c each.

PINK FLOWERING DOGWOOD—Grows in tree form and is identical with our native white variety, except color of the blossoms. \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50.

CYDONIA JAPONICA—(Flowering Quince) Thorny shrub, flowers in early Spring, before foliage appears, color scarlet, large and showey. 75c each.

PINK TARTARIAN HONEYSUCKLE—Bush form of honeysuckle with delicate pink blossoms. 50c each.

Persian Lilac, 50c, 75c.

SPIREA THUNBERGI — Dwarf rounded form, delicate foliage, white flowers, produced in profusion. Used by landscape artists for bordering other shrubbery. 50c, 75c.

SPIREA ANTHONY WATERER—A compact shrub of dwarfish habit. Fine for bordering taller shrubbery. Blooms from June until frost, color pink. 50c, 75c.

SPIREA REEVESIANA — Double flowers. 50c.

ALTHEAS—Single white red cen-

ter, single deep pink red center and double purple, 12 to 34 inches—35c, 50c, 75c each.

CRAPE MYRTLE — Deep rose (watermelon) large stocky plants, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 each.

HIBISCUS—Half hardy, very large, single and double varieties, color, crimson, 20 to 30 inches, 75c to \$1.00 each.

STAR JASMINE—25c and 50c each.

HYDRANGEAS—White, pink, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00.

WIEGELIA—Flesh shading into deeper pink, very heavy stock, 75c and \$1.00.

SPIREA BILLIARDI—A tall growing variety, flowers a delicate pink, commences to bloom in May and produces a few panicles of bloom throughout entire summer—35c, 50c and 75c.

SPIREA VANHOUTTEI—A graceful shrub, growing 6 to 8 feet in height, produces a profusion of single white flowers during the latter part of March—50c each.

OLD FASHIONED BRIDAL

WREATH—Stems covered with tiny white blossoms in early spring before foliage appears, very effective, 50c and 75c each.

TEXAS FUSHIA — Half hardy shrub, foliage dies down in the winter sending up fresh shoots in early spring, which attain a height of 3 to 4 feet, bearing a profusion of scarlet fushia shaped blossom, during summer and fall, foliage a bright green, very attractive for massing or individual specimen—15c and 20c.

FORSYTHIA (GOLDEN BELL)—Flowers golden yellow, produced in great profusion last of February or early in March—35c, 50c and 75c.

LONICERA FRAGRANTISSIMA—(Winter Honeysuckle) Blooms in January, February and March, blossom creamy white, sweet scented, 25c, 50c and 75c.

CALACANTHUS—(Sweet Shrub)—Native sweet or brown shrub, flowers chocolate colored, very fragrant, 50c.

NATIVE CORAL HONEYSUCKLE—(Woodbine) 50c.

NATIVE YELLOW JASMINE—25c and 50c.

Ask for prices on Holly, Magnolia-Grandiflora, Crab Apple, etc.

Amoor River Privet—ask for price.

### **EVERGREEN SHRUBBERY**

EUONYMOUS—Fine for grouping with other shrubbery—35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.



**BUXUS SEMPERVIRENS**—(Dwarf Boxwood) Foliage small deep green and dense. Bushy plants 6 to 9 inches—25c and 35c each.

**JAPANESE PRIVET**—Most popular tall growing evergreen for screens and back grounds, graceful in growth and broad green leaves—\$1.00, \$1.50.

**NEPAUL PRIVET**—A beautiful tall shrub with dark waxey green leaves and large heads of white flowers, followed by black berries which remain throughout the winter. Fine for foundation planting or individual specimens—\$1.50, \$2.00.

**CAPE JASMINE**—Heavy bushes—\$1.00 each.

### **JAPONICAS (CAMELLIA)**

White, bright red, pink and variegated. All double varieties. Ask for list and prices.

**ABELIA GRANDIFLORA** — Evergreen shrub or hedge plant with dark green glossy leaves, flowers white, funnel shaped, tinged with pink, sweet scented, borne in clusters from early spring until late autumn, nice plants, 35c, 50c, 75c.

**OLEA FRAGRANS** (Sweet Olive) \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 each.

MAGNOLIA FUSCATA (Banana Shrub) \$1.50, \$2.00 and 2.50.

PITTOSPORUM TOBIRA — \$1.00, \$1.50.

### PERENNIALS

SHASTA DAISES—75c per dozen.

PERENNIAL PHLOX—Pure white, lilac, pink, and roes pink—15c per plant.

SWEET WILLIAM—Large clump, 25c.

OLD FASHIONED CLOVE PINKS  
25c per clump.

### CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Large exhibition varieties.

PINK TURNER (Mrs. Leslie Davis)  
Very large incurved, color, pinkish lilac.

WHITE TURNER—Same as above, color white.

YELLOW TURNER — Same as above, color, creamy yellow.

MAJESTIC — Very large, shaped like sunflower, color, orange yellow.

PRIVATE MERLIE HAY—Extremely large flat, semi-double, upper side of petal deep red, under side amber.

UNKNOWN PURE WHITE—IN-curved, very large.

All of above are priced 15c per plant.

UNKNOWN—Reflexed Japanese—  
Pink, 10c per plant.

UNKNOWN — Reflexed, creamy  
yellow—10c per plant.

UNKNOWN—Incurved, golden yellow—10c per plant.

LILLIAN DOTY—Delicate pink  
pompon—10c per plant.

WHITE DOTY—Pure white pompon—10c per plant.

NIRESA—Very large incurved pink,  
—15c per plant.

## **BULBS FOR FALL PLANTING**

These bulbs do best planted in early fall. A light rich soil is preferable, scrapings from the cow lot or stable should be thoroughly incorporated into the soil. Be sure that the bulb doesn't come in direct contact with the manure. There should be at least 2½ or 3 inches of soil above the crown of the bulb. These bulbs are all hardy home grown blooming size stock. They multiply rapidly and with proper cultivation will give entire satisfaction. The Easter Lilies were originally imported, though we have been propagating them successfully for eighteen years. The other bulbs are the old fashioned bulbs that grew in our grand mother's garden.

PURPLE ROMAN HYACINTHS—  
\$1.50 per dozen.

JONQUILS—deep yellow, 60c dozen.

BUTTER CUPS—Sulphur yellow,  
60c dozen.

NARCISSUS — Golden Triumphet,  
deep yellow, 60c dozen.

OLD FASHIONED NARCISSUS—  
(Polyanthus) white yellow cup, \$1.00  
dozen.

DAFFODILS (Polyanthus) Deep  
yellow, 35c dozen.

MILK AND WINE LILY (Crinum)  
Closely related to Amaryllis, color,  
white, pink stripe down each petal,  
25c and 35c each.

BUTTERFLY LILY—Foliage sim-  
ilar to that of a canna, blossoms pure  
white, resembles a butterfly poised for  
flight—25c per clump.

RED SPIDER LILY—Foliage re-  
mains green all the winter, 50c dozen.

FIELD GROWN EASTER LILY—  
Blooms in the open ground in May,  
dozen \$2.25.

These are pure white magnificent  
bloomers, are large and more vigorous  
than plants of the Easter Lily grown  
in hot houses. Should be planted six  
inches deep and eighteen inches apart.

## **BULBS FOR SPRING PLANTING**

### **GLADIOLI**

AMERICA — Delicate pink, 75c dozen.

CHICAGO WHITE—White delicate lavender markings at throat. 75c dozen.

LE MARECHAL FOCH—Very large delicate pink—75c dozen.

SCHWABEN — Light yellow red markings—75c dozen.

MIXED VARIETIES, Red, white and pink, 5c each.

Can be planted from February until May.

### **CANNAS**

KING HUMBERT—Tall variety, rich bronze, foliage, flowers large coppery red.

VENUS—Bright pink edged cream, coloring exquisite.

MRS. A. CONARD — Immense trusses, salmon pink.

UNNAMED—Deep rose color.

UNNAMED—Scarlet crimson.

All of above are priced 25c per clump, from 3 to 5 eyes per clump. Plant early in spring.

## DAHLIAS.

Assorted colors in red, white, pink, purple and yellow—25c each.

Ready for the market April 1st.

## ANTIGONON LEPTOPUS (MEXICAN ROSE.)

A beautiful climbing plant with tuberous roots, blooms freely from June until fall. Beautiful, rosy-pink flowers produced in large racemes. In this section tops die down in winter, it is, therefore, advisable to protect the roots with a mulching of leaves—50c per plant.

We have at all times seasonable green house plants such as ferns, geraniums, begonias, also plants suitable for porch boxes and hanging baskets.

We guarantee all stock sent out to be well rooted, well grown and properly packed. We are not responsible for failures arising from defective planting, unfavorable weather conditions or improper treatment and cultivation. Successful gardening requires knowledge, enthusiasm and perseverance and these we cannot supply.

I exercise every possible care to keep plants clean and true to name but I

give no warranty, express or implied on same.

Nurseries are located within corporate limits of Prattville and visitors are cordially welcomed at all times. We do no Sunday business excepting sale of cut flowers for funerals. We urge all within motoring distance to come and make their selections, thereby saving expense of packing and transportation. We can give you heavier plants with more soil around the roots, and less pruning, than if packed for shipment.

## **READ THESE TESTIMONIALS**

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**McQueen Smith Farming Company,  
Prattville, Alabama.**

August 31st, 1922.

Dear Mr. Duke:

Next November will be three years since the writer bought his first rose plants from you at which time I got Paul Neyrons and a few White American Beauties. For your information will say that every one of these bushes lived and have given splendid results, blooming the first spring after they were set out. This past spring they were finer than ever.

It gives me great pleasure to state that your roses are the best I have tried to grow, and I have no hesitancy in recommending them to those who want hardy, vigorous and abundant-blooming varieties.

Those, however, who have seen your own flower garden need no testimonial, for it is beautiful, especially so when your fine roses are blooming during the spring months.

McQueen Smith Farming Co.,  
By C. G. Smith, Sec'y-Treas.

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**Continental Gin Company,  
Prattville, Ala.**

September 4th, 1922.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Mr. E. W. Duke of this place is in my opinion a very successful raiser of roses and other flowers. I have gotten a number of plants from Mr. Duke, all of which were entirely satisfactory. His stock of roses is in my opinion the strongest and most vigorous that I have ever seen.

He is also very successful with all other plants which he attempts to grow. He makes a specialty of roses, japonicas and lilies. I have no hesi-



tation in recommending Mr. Duke as being entirely reliable and his plants as being strictly first class.

Yours truly,

Daniel Pratt.

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**Continental Gin Company,  
Prattville, Ala.**

September 21, 1922.

Mr. E. W. Duke, Prattville, Ala.

Dear Sir :

I am writing to advise you that the Japonicas which I purchased from you in the spring of 1921 and 1922 have grown well and are full of buds.

The field grown roses have proven more than satisfactory.

J. B. Bell.

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**Alabama Farm Bureau Cotton  
Association  
Montgomery, Alabama**

October 7th, 1922.

To Whom It May Concern :

This is to certify that I have known Mr. E. W. Duke of Prattville for about twenty years and have always found him reliable in his dealings.

Mr. Duke is in the nursery business at Prattville and it has been my pleasure to buy rose plants and other

flowers from him, and they have always come up exactly as reported by Mr. Duke both as to color and name. The roses have all been vigorous growers and healthy.

Any one wishing to buy plants especially roses and japonicas, will do well to investigate Mr. Duke's plant before buying, as from my experience with his plants I do not hesitate to say that they will compare favorably with any nursery that I know of.

Very truly yours,  
Allen Northington,  
General Manager.

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Meridian, Miss., June 9, 1923.  
The Duke Floral Gardens,  
Prattville, Alabama.  
My dear Mr. Duke:

I am sure you will be glad to hear how well pleased I am with the roses purchased from you. They are the same kind of fine, healthy bushes as those whose vigorous appearance impressed me when I visited your gardens.

The young japonicas have grown right along since I bought them, six

months ago; evidently you gave them the right start.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs. L. G.) Berney Gresham.  
3602 Twelfth Street.

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**W. B. Baker and Sons Dairy Farm,  
Birmingham, Ala.**

June 5th, 1923.

Mr. E. W. Duke,  
Prattville, Ala.

Dear Mr. Duke:

I bought two dozen rose bushes from you in the early spring and under very unfavorable conditions. I have gotten quite a number of blooms. The rose bushes were the hardiest, finest specimens I have ever seen.

Thanking you for your courtesies.

Very truly yours,  
(Miss) Mary Bell Baker.





